



Students at Humboldt School receive special help from Host volunteers.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

## Tutoring program needs help

by Harris Levon McRae

The Host program, which provides tutoring in reading to the students of Humboldt school, is in desperate need of tutors.

"The people in the community really need to know that there are a lot of kids reading far below their grade level. Come in and observe, and you will see how really deprived some of these children are. Half an hour of tutoring is all we ask. You work with the same child every week and the children really enjoy knowing the tutors," said Renee Banks, coordinator of the Host program.

The program is funded through a district grant. Books and supplies are paid for but the tutoring is on a voluntary basis.

"Apparently people want to get paid for tutoring, but there is no funding available. Out of 23 tutors,

only two or three are Black. We are doing everything we can to encourage people from the neighborhood to come and help out. We sent letters out to many of the businesses in the area and so far we haven't gotten any response. We had flyers made up, we have called people on the telephone—all with very little response," Ms. Banks said.

"People always talk about what is happening to our children in the school system, but when it comes time to get involved, no one shows up," Janet Bailey, instructional aide of the Host program, added.

According to Ms. Banks, every child should have one-on-one tutoring four days a week for half an hour.

"We have 40 students and every child should have a tutor every day. Most of the time the people that tutor are only able to give an hour or

so of their time and then you don't see them until the next week. In some cases we have 5th graders tutoring other kids. We start at 9 in the morning and have six half-hour time slots. We usually finish up about a quarter-to-two," Renee Banks said.

Even the children that don't have daily tutoring are showing a lot of progress but course more improvement can be made if the children receive daily tutoring.

"For the police officers that want to really show support for this community, this is an ideal situation to do it. Firemen, business people, anybody who wants to get involved can find a place here," Ms. Bailey said.

Parents and people with an extra half-hour who are truly concerned about helping children learn to read should call 281-8797.

## Now seeks minority women

At last month's Portland chapter meeting of the National Organization for Women, a resolution was passed supporting the Black United Front in their efforts to cause the Portland School Board to site the Tubman middle school at the Eliot facility. This resolution was then presented and passed at the annual state NOW conference held in Portland recently.

A representative of the Portland chapter stated that the public image of the organization does not reflect the diversity which is the essence of the women's movement. "We in-

tend to live up the theme of this year's state conference." In an effort to implement that theme, "Equal Rights Are Human Rights," several changes have been made in the Portland chapter. The regular monthly meetings will be held at the

Community Room at Emmanuel Hospital in order to make them more accessible to the Black community. As always, the meetings will be open to the public and will be held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The group will try to provide free child care but in

the event that it is not available, children will be welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th. One of the main topics will be the implementation of the resolutions passed at the state conference, such as: involving women of color in all activities and discussions, support of the extension of the Voting Rights Act, and joining with multi-racial groups to influence legislation which supports human rights. For more information, call 295-2550 or write P.O. Box 843, Portland, OR 97207.

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Apr. 20 - May 20  
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Doing one's best is all that can be expected. Don't try too hard—mistakes are possible.
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Doing one's best is all that can be expected. Don't try too hard—mistakes are possible.
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Righting a wrong takes a lot more than accusation. Proof is necessary before you make your feelings a part of the guilt.

### Procurement workshop scheduled

The Portland/Vancouver Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) is presenting a one-day symposium on "Improvements in the Procurement Process." The symposium will be held on April 16th at the Airport Holiday Inn.

Guest panelists from the government and private sectors will discuss topics including the new Uniform Procurement System, Socio-Economic Programs of the '80s, Contracting for Services, and Construction Management.

Among the speakers are: Robert L. Ryan, Corporate Administrator for the Small Business Program, Small Disadvantaged Business Program, Labor Surplus Area Utilization Program and Woman-owned Business Program; Eldon H. Crowell of the Washington D.C. law firm of Crowell & Moving; Robert Nilsson and Jeff Welch Turner Construction Company; John R. Checkett of the Department of Defense.

Max O. Taylor of *The Oregonian* classified department will be the luncheon speaker.

The symposium is open to the public, with a \$60 fee. The day begins at 8:30 am.

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